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**Docket No.: 32887/203735**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the U.S. Application of  
Weaver, et al

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Application Serial No.: Unassigned  
(Divisional of U.S. Patent  
Application No. 09/320,002)

Examiner: Unassigned

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC  
COMPOSITIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, line 6, please delete the following: "This application..."; and  
please insert "This is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/320,002,  
filed May 26, 1999, which...".

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 59-108 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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**Remarks:**

This application is a divisional application of the above-identified parent application, in which the Examiner maintained a restriction requirement among Group I, claims 1-59, Group II, claims 59-60 and 63-68, Group III, claims 61-62, Group IV, claims 69-74, 75-77 and 82-92, Group V, claim 78, Group VI, claim 79, Group VII, claims 80-81, and Group VIII, claims 93-108. The claims of Group VIII were elected in the parent application, and therefore this application is directed toward the invention of Group I.

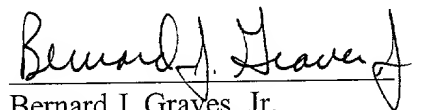
Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-58 are now pending. Allowance of this amended application is hereby requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned regarding any questions related to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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